Forces are proposed to be expanded during this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The strength of the paramilitary forces is reviewed from time to time,keeping in view various factors including the prevalent law and order situation, and action taken to augment the forces as considered necessary.

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[*Translation*]

Alleged Irregularities at Central Institute of Research on Buffalo, Hissar

5814. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of irregularities at Central Institute of Research on Buffalo Hissar have been brought to the notice of the Union government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The irregularities relate to poor herd management, lack of planning in research and non-observance of codal formalities in making purchases.

(c) A joint technical, financial and performance audit has been carried out. The Director of the Institute has been transferred and his explanation has been called.

[*English*]

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Sales Tax on Maruti-Suzuki Vehicles

5815. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of sales tax charged on the Maruti-Suzuki vehicles sold in Delhi;

(b) the rate of sales tax charged on bicycles, scooters and motor cycles sold in Delhi;

(c) whether the Government propose to raise the rate of sales tax on Maruti vehicles in view of the difficult financial situation prevailing in the country; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Fuel efficient motor cars of engine capacity below 1000 c.c, are liable to tax @ 6% of the sale price in Delhi. All other types of motor vehicles including Maruti-Suzuki vehicles of 1000 c.c. engine capacity are liable to tax @ 10% when sold in Delhi.

(b) the rate of sales tax on these items is 10%.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Administration has reported that no such proposal is under their consideration at present.

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Gun Manufacturers in J&K

5816. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) the number of gun manufacturers and factories in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of licenced units working in Kashmir at present;

(c) whether the gun manufacturers of State have moved to South for selling the weapons; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). According to the information available, there are 31 licensed gun manufacturing units in Jammu & Kashmir out of which two are located in Srinagar (Kashmir).

(c) and (d). Gun manufacturers are permitted to sell their products to the licensed arms dealers and individual licence holders throughout the country.

Raising of Funds by Sail

5817. SHRI PRATAPRAO B.BHONSLE:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) propose to raise its funds through various sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the utilisation programme of such collections;

(d) whether in the past funds were also raised by SAIL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and utilisation made of those funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Steel authority of India Limited (SAIL) have been raising funds through various sources like borrowings from banks, other Corporations, public deposits and also loans from Steel Development Fund, foreign currency loans etc. These are utilised to meet both the operational and capital expenditure of the Company.

As on 31.3.1991, the position of funds borrowed by SAIL from the outside market was as under:

(Rupees in crores)

1.	Public Deposit Scheme	1055
2.	Inter-Corporate Deposits	113
3.	Foreign currency loans loans for capital expenditure	361
4.	Loan from Housing Development Finance Corporation.	24

Kolar Gold Field Mines

5818. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of mines in the Kolar Gold Field (KGF) area;

(b) the number of workers in each mine; and

(c) the percentage of gold available in the gold ore extracted from KGF mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). The information is given below: